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# RUSSIA CRITICISES TRUSTEESHIP

## Gromyko Accuses U.S. Of Bad Faith

## UNITED NATIONS 'IGNORED'

**Lake Success, Mar. 30.— Russia tonight opposed the United States proposal for a temporary Palestine trusteeship, instead of immediate partition, on the ground that it not only failed to meet the interests of international peace but also satisfied neither the Arabs nor the Jews.**

After hearing M. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet delegate, declare that the United States had killed partition because it put oil and strategic interests before the interests of the United Nations, the Security Council adjourned the Palestine debate until Thursday.

**Earlier, Mr Warren Austin (United States) had introduced before the Council the American resolution calling for an immediate truce in Palestine. He also introduced a second American resolution calling for a special session of the United Nations General Assembly to "consider further the question of the future government of Palestine."**

The resolution said: "The Security Council, in the exercise of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, notes with grave concern the increasing violence and disorder in Palestine, and believes that it is of the utmost urgency that an immediate truce be effected in Palestine".

The resolution went on: "The Security Council calls upon the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Arab Higher Committee to make representatives available to the Security Council for the purpose of arranging a truce between the Arab and Jewish communities of Palestine, and emphasises the heavy responsibilities which would fall upon any party failing to observe such a truce; calls upon the Arab and Jewish armed groups in Palestine to cease acts of violence immediately".

A second resolution introduced by the United States called for a special session of the General Assembly.

### TWO CONSIDERATIONS

It said: "The Security Council, having on December 9, 1947, received a resolution of the General Assembly concerning Palestine, dated November 29, 1947, and having taken note of the United Nations Palestine Commission's first and second monthly progress reports, and the first special report on the problem of security, and having on March 5, 1948, called on the permanent members of the Council to consult, and having taken note of the reports made concerning those consultations, requests the Secretary General, in accordance with Article 20 of the United Nations Charter, to convoke a special session of the General Assembly to consider further the question of the further government of Palestine."

Mr Warren Austin, of the United States, having submitted the resolutions, said: "The truce should be based on two fundamental considerations:

"Firstly, it is absolutely essential that violence and bloodshed in Palestine cease. This is demanded by humanitarian considerations. We must prevent anarchy. It is required to keep international peace. The cessation of hostilities is imperative.

"Secondly, both the Jews and Arabs of Palestine must be prepared to accept the truce arrangements which would not prejudice the claims of either group. The truce should include the suspension of political as well as military activity.

"My Government considers it essential that representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee be called upon to state their views on the necessary arrangements for the truce.

"Such representatives should, of course, be fully authorised to enter inter definite truce arrangements with the Council."

### SOVIET OBJECTIONS

Presenting the Soviet viewpoint, M. Andrei Gromyko declared there were no grounds for convening a special session of the General Assembly and said the Palestine Commission should continue its work.

He said that the proposal for trusteeship not only failed to meet the interests of international peace, but also does not meet the interests of either the Arabs or the Jews.

He asserted that trusteeship would not eliminate the difficulties which have arisen in implementing partition, and accused the United States Government of killing the partition scheme because it put oil and strategic interests before the interests of the United Nations.

"The Soviet Government considers as it did before that the decision adopted by the General Assembly on the partition of Palestine into independent Jewish and Arab states is a just solution", M. Gromyko said.

"It is just because it corresponds to the fundamental national interests both of the Jews and the Arabs.

"An overwhelming majority of states at the General Assembly adopted the partition plan and voted for it.

"The United States also voted for this plan, and used all their influence in order to attain the adoption of this plan.

"We see a very strange phenomenon.

"The United States has changed its attitude towards a decision already adopted and has introduced to this effect entirely new proposal.

### "SERIOUS BLOW"

"The United States tries to convince us that the partition of Palestine is unworkable in practice and that the United Nations must seek another solution."

M. Gromyko told the Security Council: "There is no doubt that the Wrecking of partition would be a serious blow to the United Nations and responsibility for the blow rests fully on the United States.

"The ruling circles of the United States have always ignored the United Nations when the interests of this organisation do not coincide with the narrowly understood interests of one power."

Referring specifically to the United States trusteeship proposal, M. Gromyko said: "It is not difficult to understand what these new proposals mean and what their authors are aiming at.

"They are an attempt to convert Palestine into a military strategic base of the United States and England under the pretext of maintaining order in the country.

"An adoption of such proposals would mean replacing the interests of the United Nations by the interests of certain states, to the detriment of security."

After M. Gromyko's speech, the Council adjourned the Palestine debate until 7.30 p.m. GMT Thursday.—Reuter.

### MUFTI'S STATEMENT

Lake Success, Mar. 30.—Haj Amin El Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem, declared in a statement issued here today that the Arabs of Palestine will not brook interference or "encroachment by foreigners."

The leader of the Palestine Arabs said: "The Arabs of Palestine hereby solemnly affirm that they do not recognise the right of any foreign power or powers to deprive them of their natural right to independence."

The statement, issued just a few hours before the Security Council was due to reconsider the United States proposals for a trusteeship, added that the Arabs, ruling Palestine, would be ready to guarantee complete freedom for all religious communities and denominations.—Reuter.

### BREAD RATIONING

Jerusalem, Mar., 30.—For the first time the Jewish community in Jerusalem began rationing bread today.

Jewish residents said supplies are "dangerously low." The bread supply has been meagre for several days. Bakery shops have stopped selling cakes and pastries.—Associated Press.

### MOVES BY HOLY SEE

Vatican City, Mar. 30.—Moves have been made by the Holy See for an agreement of all parties in Palestine to safeguard the rights of both Arabs and Jews, it was authoritatively learned here today.

The possibility was not excluded by observers that the forthcoming visit of Mr Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal representative to the Vatican, be connected with the Palestine question.—Reuter.

## CRIPPS HAS A RECORD BUDGET

**London, Mar. 30.—Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, next Tuesday will have the paradoxical duty of announcing an all-time record budget surplus to a country striving to avert economic disaster.**

With a domestic credit balance of probably £800 million, Sir Stafford, as head of the Cabinet team of economic experts, is trying hard to close the gap between the country's import and export trade.

Even if, by the target date of midsummer, he succeeds, British trade, though balanced in an overall world sense, will still show the colossal deficit of between £250 and £300 million.

The production targets for the end of this year, if achieved, will reduce the dollar deficit considerably. But the economic disequilibrium between the United States and the great part of the world contained in the sterling area will continue to be a brake on Britain's uphill fight toward prosperity.

Sir Stafford Cripps, casting round for new sources of hard currency, next week will have few reliefs to offer to the British taxpayer, if indeed, he does not call for a further belt tightening all round.—Reuter.

### Train-Bus Disaster

Mexico City, Mar. 30.—More than 12 people are reported killed and 18 injured when a train collided with a crowded bus at a level crossing north of Mexico City today.

The train, which was travelling at about 60 miles an hour, cut the bus in two.—Reuter.

## Pickets Rush Police

New York, Mar. 30.—Men were knocked down, women screamed, and some policemen were thrown down on the pavement when strikers picketing the New York Stock and Curb Exchanges rushed the police at the entrance to the Stock Exchange today.

The police used their batons and calls were sent for ambulances, police emergency squads and black marias.

The clash began just before 2 p.m. GMT as pickets lined up before the Exchanges on the second day of the strike in Wall Street.

The number of pickets directly in front of the Stock Exchange entrance was small and the disturbance started when men rushed the police to increase the number of pickets behind the police line.

The disturbance was over in six minutes. Many people had their clothing torn and one police detective received head injuries. —Reuter.

## CHIANG'S LATEST CRITIC

**New York, Mar. 30.—The late General Joseph Stilwell, war-time American Commander in the Far East, wrote in private papers published here today that Winston Churchill "hypnotised" President Roosevelt, while "Chinese Chicanery" emasculated American efforts to defeat Japan.**

Churchill—"the World's greatest strategist"—had President Roosevelt "in his pocket," General Stilwell said.

In his Diaries and private papers, published in the Ladies' Home Journal, The General accused President Roosevelt of neglecting American interest in China during the war.

He denounced Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the "power crazy despot" of a corrupt one-party government "supported by a gestapo and a party secret service."

Covering the period from Pearl Harbour in December 1941 to the General's recall in October 1945, the diaries confirmed that he was withdrawn under a threat by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to pull China out of the war.

But he indicated that the Generalissimo was "tipped off" that Roosevelt would order the recall if asked.

The papers referred to a conference the General had with Roosevelt, Churchill and other Allied war leaders in Washington in May 1943.

"The Limeys (British) are not interested in the war in the Pacific and with the President hypnotised,

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## SENATE APPROVES $463 MILLION CHINA AID BILL

Washington, Mar. 30.—After five hours of debate, the Senate tonight passed by a voice vote the bill providing $463 million aid to China.

**The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which last week withdrew a report accusing Chinese leaders of inefficiency and ineptitude, today declared in a revised version that China's Nationalist Government "represents our common contest against the threats to international peace and security and against Communist aggression."**

The new report was made public only a few minutes before Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Chairman of the Committee, asked Congress to approve a $463 million bill for civilian and military aid to China.

It stated: "There exists in China the social and political elements and ideals which can combat the hard core of disruptive alien-orientated Communism in open rebellion."

China, the report added, was clearly one of the essential elements of peace in the Far East.

Her independence and integrity was threatened by civil strife.

### THE ALTERNATIVES

"If no aid is given now by the United States, the inference appears to be clear that we face either the possibility of China becoming a Communist-dominated satellite, or a civil war of increased length and intensity."

China's Nationalist Government, "led for 20 years through tremendous difficulties by the selfless patriotism of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek", in the Committee's judgment, deserved support "within our resources".

The aid authorised by the proposed bill, the report said, was tangible proof of American interest in the independence and integrity of China, in the welfare of the Chinese people, and in stabilised peace in the Far East.

Senator Vandenberg, urging approval of the bill, said the situation in China was "touch and go." He said the early passage of the measure would make possible the final Conference Committee report on all foreign aid by the end of this week.

### MAJOR VICTIM

He described China as "the major victim of that conspiracy of aggression which undermines the peace of the earth" and said quick action by Congress on the aid plans would demonstrate to the world how democracy could function when time was of the essence.

The Conference Committee to which Senator Vandenberg referred will be set up after the Senate passage of the China aid bill and the House passage of its overall foreign relief measures.

In the House bill, which is now being debated, are $5,300 million for the European recovery programme, $570 million aid for China, $275 million aid for Greece and Turkey, and $60 million for the United Nations International Children's Fund.

The Senate has completed action on the European recovery programme and the Greek-Turkish military aid bill.

### RUSSIA ASSAILED

However, the differences in the ERP provisions passed by the two Houses, as well as in the China aid bill, will have to be ironed out by a committee appointed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Senator Vandenberg assailed Russia for failure to abide by the terms of her 1945 treaty with China.

He said Russia had not provided assistance to China called for in the treaty, but, instead, had removed industrial equipment from Manchuria to the extent of $2,000 million.—Reuter.

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## Maritime Predominance

London, Mar. 30.—The United States has emerged from the war as the world's leading maritime nation, owning more than a third of the world's tonnage, figures published by Lloyds showed tonight.

The Americans increased their gross steam and motor tonnage by 21,256,017 tons (238.6 per cent) between June, 1939, and June, 1947.

The increase in the overall world tonnage for the same period was 15,004,340 tons.

War losses incurred by Britain and the Dominions were replaced by "tremendous shipbuilding programmes," Lloyds survey, published in an appendix to Lloyds Register Book 1947-48, stated.

Since 1901, the percentage of the world's steam and motor ship tonnage owned by the United States has increased from 4.2 to 30.1 percent, while that owned by Great Britain and Northern Ireland has fallen from 50.2 to 21.4 percent.

### EMPIRE'S TONNAGE

Compared with 1939, the gross steam and motor tonnage owned by Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 1947 (17,847,895 tons) showed a reduction of 43,237 tons (0.2 percent) while that of the British Empire as a whole increased by 319,714 tons (1.5 percent).

In addition to the United States, the following countries showed net increases in their gross tonnage:

Panama, Russia, Canada, China, Argentina, Sweden, Spain and Honduras.

Information regarding Japan is not complete, but more than four million tons gross of her shipping are reckoned as lost.—Reuter.

## Congress Okays Marshall Plan Aid For Spain

Washington, Mar. 30.—The House of Representatives today approved the inclusion of Spain in the Marshall Plan by a vote of 149 to 52.

The amendment on Spain was proposed yesterday by Representative Alvin Oronski, Republican of Wisconsin, who called the Franco Government the "greatest bulwark against Communism in Europe."

The Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, Mr John Vorys, Republican of Ohio, said on the floor of the House that Spain could still be excluded by the other European nations if they so desired.

### WILL SHOCK WORLD

Congressman Stanley Isaacson, of the "American Labour Party of New York, said the House action on Spain would shock the conscience of the world.

"We in this House have embraced to our bosoms the Fascist Government of Franco."

Today's vote in the House of Representatives in Washington in favour of including Spain among the countries receiving aid under the Marshall Plan is unlikely to influence Britain's attitude on the subject, it was stated in London tonight by a Foreign Office spokesman.

The spokesman recalled that during the meeting of the 16 European Marshall programme powers in Paris, a Portuguese resolution to include Spain in the ERP resulted in no action, either positive or negative.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who was in the chair at that meeting of the Committee for European Economic Co-operation, did not put the Portuguese suggestion to the vote.

This was interpreted by observers at the time as an indication that the motion would be opposed by a majority of the 16 European powers and that the chairman, in the certainty that this was so, preferred to let the Portuguese proposal remain as a general statement of opinion rather than a formal vote.

There is nothing, observers here consider, to prevent the United States from deciding to give economic assistance to Spain on the same terms and under the same decision of Congress as the other 16 European countries; but for this to be administered within the framework of the Marshall Plan programme would presumably mean the approval of the 16 nations of Spain's admission to membership of the Committee of European Economic Co-operation.

### BRITAIN'S OPPOSITION

Such a decision could only be taken at a plenary session of the Committee.

The next plenary session, it is expected, here, will take place towards the middle of next month when the delegation heads are due to consider the Working Party recommendations for setting up a permanent European organisation to administer the European end of American aid and coordinate the measures of European economic co-operation.

If the Spanish membership is proposed at the next Paris plenary session, present indications are that Britain, following the policy which she has consistently adopted, would oppose the admission of Spain while under the Franco regime.—Reuter.

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## European Found Dead In Hotel

A middle-aged European, whose name is given as W.E. Bentick, was found dead and hanging from the fire escape at the rear of the Peninsula Hotel this morning.

The discovery was made by a room boy at 6 o'clock, when he went to Room 548 to awaken the dead man.

Police say that it is believed deceased was an Australian and that he had been in Hongkong about a year.

## EDITORIAL

### Whitehall's Deaf Ear

THE Hongkong Government's Annual Report ranks as the only refreshing literature to come from official sources. The first post-war issue set a nice standard which is more than maintained in the latest publication. One of the most attractive features of the Report is the relative frankness of opinion, providing a pleasing contrast to the customary formula which seeks only to be equivocal and uninformative. It is from the Annual Report for 1947 that we obtain any idea of how Government really feels about the subject of the Colony's airport. After revealing that last year the volume of air traffic at Kai Tak was eleven times that of 1940, and that the number of passengers passing through the airport monthly was half as great as those using Heathrow Airport near London, the report adds: "This was indicative of the popularity of Hongkong as an air centre, a popularity not to be attributed to the quality of its airfield but to the stable conditions prevailing in the Colony. In point of fact, Kai Tak aerodrome, never very satisfactory, is now totally inadequate for modern requirements and the lack of any alternative airport is liable to cramp Hongkong's development as an air centre.....There is a serious danger that failing the provision of such an airport, Hongkong may slip gradually out of the regular international air routes of the Far East. Indeed (adds the report) in certain instances aircraft were already overflying the Colony, and unfortunately, the close of 1947 found this major problem yet unsolved." There is nothing startlingly original either in opinion or fact about the foregoing, but it is the first time they have been expressed in such definite terms by Government. The point, though, is whether Government has made its feelings known in such positive manner to the Whitehall authorities, and if so, is the Imperial Government seriously taking note of them? The danger that Hongkong may slip gradually out of the regular international air routes of the Far East is not growing any less serious as the Home Government continues to procrastinate about a new and modern airport for Hongkong. Lord Nathan's visit, made several months ago has yielded nothing for us: the same stock reply to questions about Hongkong's airport continues to be given in the House of Commons—"the subject is under active consideration." But while Hongkong has to wait for the Imperial Treasury to decide whether it will open its purse strings to assist in providing the Colony with one of its most urgent needs, Singapore is able to announce that the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Civil Aviation will share the cost of £2,000,000 with the Government of Malaya for a new concrete runway at Changi airfield, and that the Imperial Government has sanctioned a development scheme at Changi that will eventually cost £6,000,000. Not without good reason does Hongkong once again feel that while Singapore has only to raise its right hand to obtain Whitehall approval and assistance, we have to grovel on our knees and then find that our supplications get no further than the stage of "active consideration." It is high time the voice of Hongkong was made to be heard, not only in the Colonial Office, but in the Air Ministry, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Treasury.

## TWO SICILIAN RIOTERS KILLED

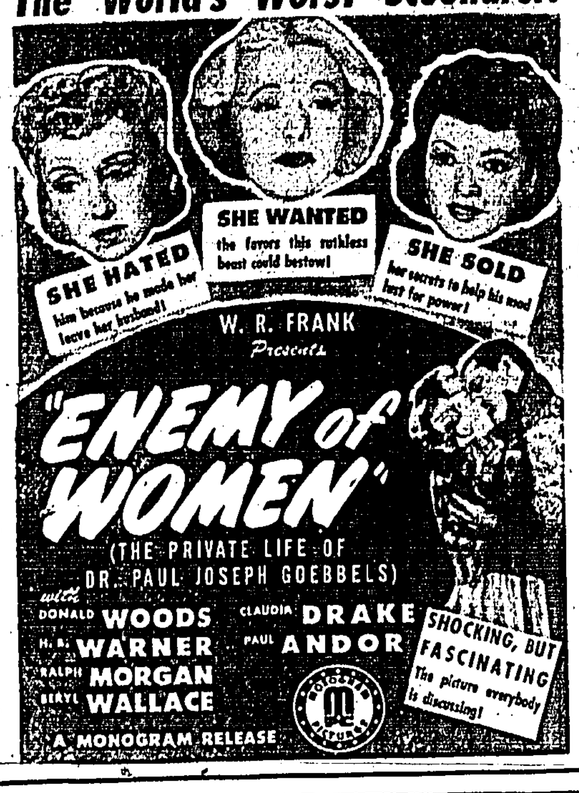
Rome, Mar. 30.—Two people were killed and many injured when police opened fire today on rioters in Pantelleria, south of Sicily, according to reports received by the Sicilian Regional Government.

The rioters, demonstrating against heavy taxation, burned down the communal tax offices.—Reuter.

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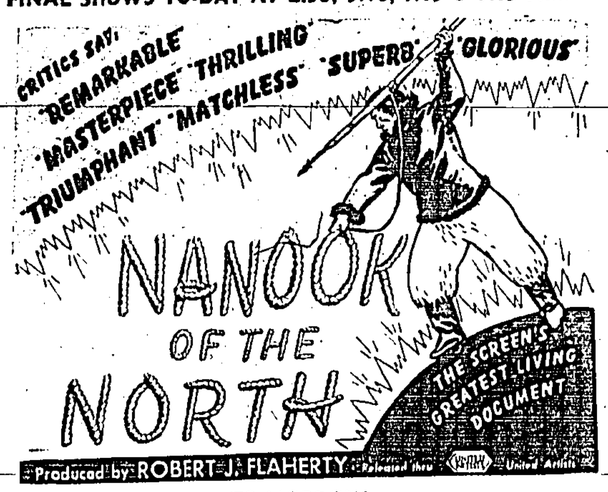
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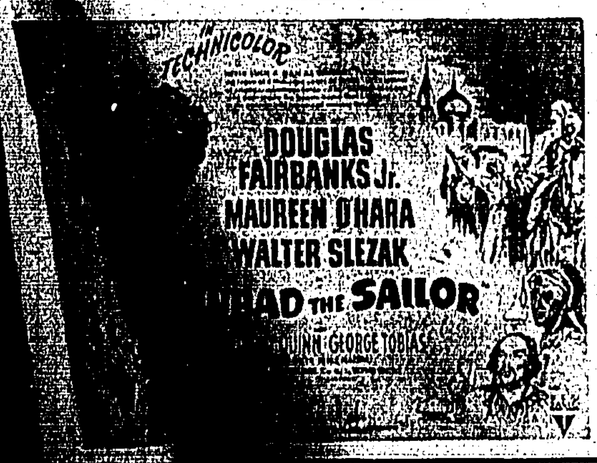
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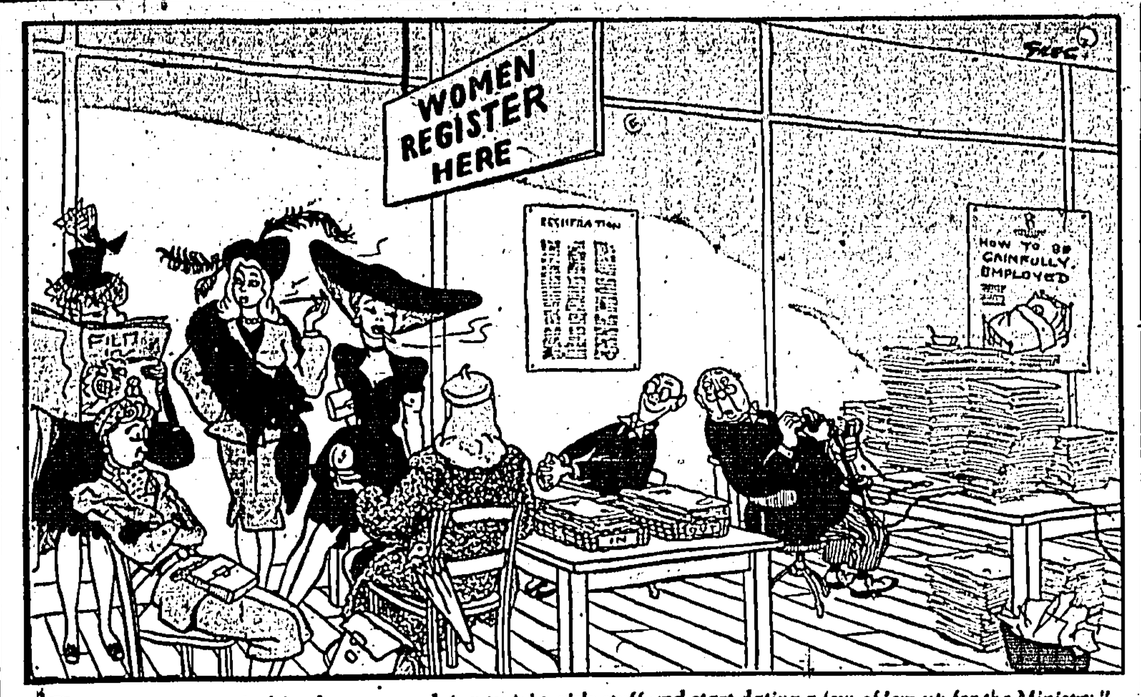



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"The manager says quit this what-are-you-doing-tonight-girls stuff and start dating a few of 'em up for the Ministry."

# IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

## By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

A GRIM document is Sir Stafford Cripps' Economic Survey.

It will cheer up nobody, for its main message is that the nation must look forward to an uphill struggle to maintain even existing standards.

Sir Stafford Cripps has clearly forsworn all soothing words. Indeed, he appears to be employing the Churchill war technique to the problems of peace.

Only instead of "blood and sweat and tears" he offers the nation a protracted period of struggle, with a continuance of shortages, as a condition not of triumph but merely of survival.

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FOR a people who have suffered much in the last decade these are hard, unpleasant tidings.

Yet, if it is the truth we want, this appears to be it. The doubt is whether the people will stand disagreeable truth in peace as well as they did in war.

For Sir Stafford himself this stark realism is an effective insurance against attacks by opponents on the ground that he has deceived the people by false optimism.

He scorned even to hold up the gloomy survey for a day or so until the North Croydon by-election was over.

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THE by-election result was a nasty jolt for Labour.

Earlier hopes of success vanished in the closing stages of the contest, but it was not expected that our assault on the seat would fail by anything like so wide a margin.

Mr Nicolson cannot fairly be blamed for the failure of his mission. After all he did increase the Labour vote.

Maybe this attractive man is a better philosopher and writer than he is a politician.

But a candidate, like a wife, must be taken for better or worse. Virtues and shortcomings (if any) cannot be separated.

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LADY MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE'S withdrawal from the International Women's Day movement, on the ground that it was being used by Communists, directed renewed attention to the widespread "under cover" activities of the Kremlin disciples.

They have started, or infiltrated into, a great variety of organisations, ostensibly non-political in character, which they contrive to control or influence more or less from behind the scenes, for their own political purposes.

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PART of this technique is to have, as leading supporters of these bodies, a certain number of well-known people whom nobody would suspect of Communist views or associations.

These people lend their names from the most worthy, motives, but they are unwittingly used as stooges.

Years ago the Labour Party published a pamphlet entitled The Communist Solar System, which was a neat exposure of this propaganda by stealth and stratagem.

Now that the Communists are openly menacing the national well-being, an up-to-date edition of this debunking publication would serve a useful purpose.

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SOME deeds are far more eloquent than any words. The Masaryk suicide is such a deed.

It is painful to contemplate the torture which must have gone on in the mind of this Czech democrat before he was driven to take that swift plunge to death.

In vain now will the Communists claim that their coup was not an outrage on democracy.

The desperate deed of Masaryk, a man who, as all his friends testify, loved life with great intensity, tells the world beyond equivocation that they lie.

The supreme tragedy of this generation is that many of its finest spirits, cradled in liberty like Masaryk, find themselves confronted with the cruel choice of servitude or death.

*Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:*

# Sitting on the Fence

## by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "what do you think of the world situation?"

"Not much," I said.

"No more do I," said the Sweep, "in fact, if you was to arsk me I would say it was pretty umpty."

"Umpty's the word," I said.

"Whoever said the peace would be worse than the war knew what he was talking about."

"He certainly did."

"During the war," said the Sweep, "you did know who you was fightin and what you was a-doin of. Now you don't know where you are."

"You certainly don't."

"All the same," said the Sweep, "you don't ave to worry about them there little old Russians."

"Don't I?"

"They may be copyin little old Itler but they ain't such good liars as them there little old Germans."

"Oh?" I said.

"Cor stone the crows," said the Sweep, "even a man of your intelligence can see through them."

"Thanks," I said

"If you was to arsk me I would say they was just simple."

"Go on?"

"Ere they are," said the Sweep, "accusin people of things they're goin to do theirselves as if it was somethink new. Cor luvaduck, we know that drill backwards."

"We do."

"Though peraps you and me ain't supposed to believe it."

"Peraps not."

"For all you know," said the Sweep, "all these ere lies are meant for them there little old Russian peasants."

"Probably," I said.

"And as them that can read are only allowed to read what they're told I expect they swallow it ole."

"I expect so."

"But you don't want to start sneerin at them for that," said the Sweep.

"I aint sneerin," I said.

"With all your readin of the papers you wouldn't know much if little old Arthur Orner was Commissar of the Press."

"I certainly wouldn't."

"All you'd read about would be what a wonderful man little old Arthur Orner was."

"That's right."

"And ow wicked everybody else was but im and is pals."

"Too true."

"And maybe after a time you'd begin to swallow it."

"Maybe."

"If you didn't swallow it," said the Sweep, "you'd soon be swallowing bread and soup once a day in a labour camp."

"Probably," I said.

"With 12 hours work out of 24 and no back answers."

"I daresay."

"A nice change from your little bit of typin," said the Sweep.

"Very nice," I said.

"The skin orf your nose."

"The skin orf yourn."

## Don't be silly

IT might be interesting to know (or it might not, according to taste) how many crimes have been prevented, how many villains have been frustrated, how many desperadoes vanquished, how many ardent wolves made to look foolish in the drawing-room after tea by the quiet voice of an English girl saying, "Don't be silly."

It was said once more on Putney Heath by Mrs Yvonne Redway to a masked gunman who stuck a revolver in her back.

"Don't be silly," she said, and he bolted.

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When you come to think of it. "Don't be silly" is the most devastating remark a woman can make to a man..

There he is trying to make a pass at her or shoot her. He feels pretty big in either case.

In the first, he is the great lover, fascinating, irresistible, almost frightening (he hopes) in his single-minded determination to overcome resistance which, in his vanity, he believes is no more than play-acting.

In the second, he is the desperado, the bad man, wanted by the police, ruthless, resourceful, terrifying, willing to risk his neck to win a living from a society which fears and hates him.

Then the quiet voice says: "Don't be silly," and the great lover and the wicked desperado are reduced in a moment to the status of naughty little boys.

In that moment the years flash back, and they are both about seven years old trying to frighten their mothers with a pop-gun.

They remember their mothers said exactly the same thing in the same quiet voice.

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All this will make thoughtful, broody types wonder what would have happened to the history of the world if the world's tyrants had been married to quiet English girls with debunking voices instead of to hero worshippers who read profound wisdom into every bit of rubbish they uttered and regarded all the stupid things they did as strokes of genius.

To-go-no-further back than Hitler. Suppose he had married a quiet determined girl reared in an English vicarage, a girl to whom showing off and making an exhibition of oneself would be a greater crime than swiping a tanner out of the collection plate?

Consider him rehearsing one of those speeches to her.

Just when he got to that well-known bit about lebensraum and the frustration of German ambitions by the wicked democracies, he would have glanced round for approval just in time to see the cold, critical stare behind the shining glasses and hear the dead-pan voice say: "Don't be silly."

This would have shaken better men than Hitler. The speeches would never have been made. There would have been no war.

Of course, it's too late now, but if the entire Russian Cabinet had been married to girls reared in English vicarages saying: "Don't be silly," every time they opened their mouths, the world would be a happier place to live in today.

## Report on Lottie

ON medical advice Lottie, the devil cat, has been ordered a week's rest in a quiet room.

Like many girls of the postwar period, she is nervous and highly strung, trying to live her life too fast, and seeking escape from reality in non-stop gaiety.

Before her nervous breakdown she began her day at 7 a.m. flying at the cord of your Uncle Nat's dressing-gown while he was making tea.

After a saucer of milk, grilled fish, or boiled lights she would then sweep from the kitchen table and the dining-room table all impedimenta, such as milk bottles, knives, forks and spoons, cups and saucers, vases, magazines and books.

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Having cleared the decks for action she would then sharpen her claws on the best furniture and begin her mad half-hour.

This would take the form of a steeplechase across the chairs, sliding across the table on her tail and a game of squash against the wall with a ping pong ball.

After that the newspapers would be attacked and torn to bits and there would be a great deal of rushing round the house and up and down the stairs with flattened ears and waving tail.

With short intervals occasioned by sheer exhaustion this would go on all day until she was shut up for the night.

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The quiet room where she is resting now, doped with luminal, is, of course, your Uncle Nat's room.

As the veterinary surgeon said she mustn't be excited in any way, your Uncle is afraid even to rustle a piece of paper.

He is nervous of using a pencil in case she is attracted by the movement.

He has removed the cord from his dressing-gown.

And he feels that if this goes on much longer he will swallow Lottie's luminal pills before he goes nuts himself.

A further bulletin may be issued later.

# BY THE WAY *by Beachcomber*

TRISTAN BERNARD, who died the other day in Paris, was one of the wits of our time.

It was he who said of a former friend who cut him in the street, "He is so changed he doesn't recognise me" and he who, when asked forty francs by a taxi-driver for a short journey, replied, "Get in. I'll drive you there myself for twenty." One day he found the stairs of his apartment blocked by a workman who was carrying down an enormous clock on his back. "Why can't you wear a wrist-watch, like everybody else?" said Bernard. When one of his plays failed he sent a seat to a friend with this note, "Come armed. The place is deserted."

### *In full swing*

THE soft notes of the famous Barcarolle rent the air gently. On the stage the three Persians played see-saw. They ignored the music completely and laughed and chattered loudly. "It's no good," said Velvet gloomily, "See-saw and ballet won't mix. No, no, NO!" he shouted from the stalls. "Yes, yes, ho YES!" shouted back the Trio. "We now do ballet," roared Kazbulah, striking an attitude. "Hoonting mooths," yelled Riznmughan, shading his eyes and searching the horizon. "Where are Hoobiganiera?" grunted Ashura, as he shifted the plank on his belly. "Poolerdees and Hurlates," they cried in chorus. "O manager, send hon they dauncers, we like to be having a hordiunce." "Stop, stop!" called Velvette. The music ceased but the see-saw went on.

### *Spread your coke thinly*

A PROFESSOR of Fuel Technology says he has seen butter made from coke. His comment was, "Its nutritive value is stated to be high, but its flavour is as yet distasteful." Probably it is still too near coke, and too far away from butter. But it is a pleasant change to find someone admitting that what is crammed with beneficent chemicals is not necessarily nice to eat. Quite the reverse, as was proved by the Government Regional Zoning Taster, who, on hearing that birds' nests contained huge quantities of magalanide H, choked himself with a redstart's nest on the outskirts of Honiton.

NANCY Maybe She's Right

By Ernie Bushmiller





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## BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



*Posed for Lois Leeds.*

The Teeners must not go on reducing diet.

*TEEN TALK!*

Many of my Teen Age readers write to me, asking for diets, for exercises to reduce. They want to reduce AT ONCE and no waiting!

Well, just understand this—that Teen Age girls must not go on reducing diets. They are in the growing stage and need all the strength that they have. Certainly, they can eat sensibly and practise Food Control. A chubby Teener can follow a food plan—cut out sodas and other sweet drinks. She can eat less sugar, eat steamed fruits instead of ice cream and puddings for dessert.

And Teeners can exercise. Most schools have gyms and I heartily advocate your joining.

Posture is a part of Beauty and as you stand, so you walk. So Posture is of prime importance to Teeners, and Oldsters and In-betweeners!

The too-fat Teener has every chance in the world of growing into a Slim Beauty. But no rigid diets, and no diets at all unless under a doctor's care. He, and he alone, is the proper person to plan a diet for a growing girl.

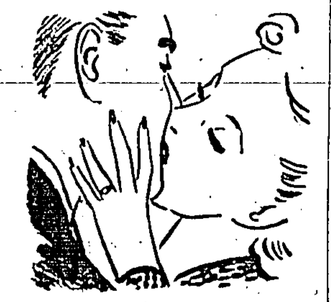
Diets swept the country a few years ago and Young and Old alike dieted. It became a national pastime and it wasn't good! Doctors and health experts were aghast at the results. Nervous breakdowns, illnesses, physical collapse—those were the answers and results of foolish dieting. We are wiser now and we say "No" to diets but "Yes" to Food Control, which is the eating of just enough of the proper foods. And we say "Yes" to exercising!

### Foundation Combination



ALONG WITH OTHER fabric and fashion revivals we have the camisole and the petticoat in place of the ubiquitous slip. The camisole is wonderful under a sheer blouse and the petticoat of stiff fabric such as taffeta, gives the desired body to the skirt. Depicted is a camisole of white cotton with lace insets and lace trim on the shoulder straps. The petticoat is of striped taffeta, flared, with a fitted hip yoke and a fully gathered ruffle.

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Keep some artificial eyelashes on hand. For that extra-special Glamorous touch, apply them carefully and—shape your lashes. Curve them, short at the corner near the nose, letting the outer ends curve for Beauty.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Stockings in the bathroom again! The trouble is since we're married you've started to act like you were at home!"

# Film Pact Welcomed By Producers

**News of the agreement with the United States to drop Britain's levy on imported films was received with relief and satisfaction by all branches of the British film industry, reports the Daily Telegraph's film correspondent.**

Exhibitors in Britain have been facing a growing crisis. Most producers have been hard hit by the reluctance of the City to finance productions which America and also by the possible closing of many cinemas in Britain.

Plans to fly about 23 films to Britain as soon as possible have been made by Universal-International. A spokesman of the Columbia Corporation said: "We have about a dozen films ready to be sent over immediately."

Typical comments by British producers were:

Sir Alexander Korda: "The settlement will be good for the industry as a whole, and the arrangement whereby the Americans can keep the earnings of British films in the United States should greatly help our producers to find a market there. The agreement will be a tonic to the whole industry."

Sir Michael Balcon: "For the first time American distributors have a real inducement to sell British films in America. American earnings blocked here will, I hope, be used to sponsor production and absorb our unemployed technicians.

"Producers like Rank, Korda and myself are now employing more hands than our position justifies. Altogether this seems the proper sort of arrangement for a Government to make, on behalf of private enterprise."

For British studios the settlement should mean more finance, something like maximum use of studio space, and a speedy reduction in the number of unemployed.

With 40 films promised by Mr. Rank (compared with 28 in 1947) and 14 from Sir Alexander Korda, the total this year may be about 70—an increase of 30 percent.

American films, which supply about 80 percent. of British screen entertainment, will be welcomed by the public because of their stars, and because in two classes of film—comedy and musical comedy—they have little competition.

## APPEAL TO FREE WAR PRISONERS

The International Red Cross Committee at Geneva has launched a world-wide appeal for the release of prisoners-of-war of World War II, reports Associated Press.

Sent to all national Red Cross committees and to all governments recognising the International Prisoner-of-War Convention, the appeal urged the speediest possible repatriation of all war prisoners on humanitarian grounds.

War prisoners were taken to "prevent them from fighting again," the Committee's appeal stated, and since hostilities have ceased, there is now "no legal basis" for their continued imprisonment, which is "contrary to internationally accepted principles of respect for human rights."

Several national Red Cross committees already have replied to the appeal, which was originally made on November 28, 1947, but only recently disclosed.

### Numbers Still Held

The American Red Cross strongly endorsed the International Committee's appeal, while the French Committee noted that the release of all prisoners in French hands would be completed next year.

According to information available to the International Red Cross Committee, France holds 420,000 prisoners, Britain 260,000, Poland 50,000, Yugoslavia 80,000, and Czechoslovakia 8,000. A further 5,000 are held by the various occupation forces in Austria.

No figures are available as to the number of prisoners-of-war held by the Soviet Union, as the USSR does not recognise the International Prisoner-of-War Convention and supplies no data to the Red Cross.

## "WEAKER" SEX OBJECTS

Objection to the use of the word "weaker" for the female sex has been raised by a "Mere Woman" writing to the editor of the Pakistan Times:

She suggests that women should be allowed to go armed for self-protection if men "really believe their wives and sisters to be physically weaker."

"If a woman is considered morally weaker," the writer requests that man may go veiled (in purdah) "so that the the weaker sex might be saved from the fatal fascination of masculine charms."

"Man may be the stronger sex," she concedes, but subject to the proviso that "surely his strength does not seem to lie in his good taste or in his logic."—Associated Press.

## Foreign Languages For Annamites

French-sponsored local governments in Eastern Indo-China plan during the next two years to begin teaching Annamite students Oriental languages other than their native tongue.

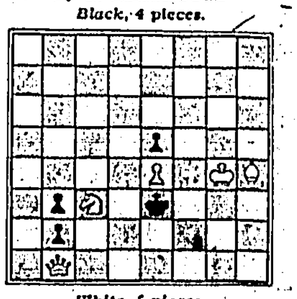
This decision was taken at a conference of French and Annamite educators representing the French-approved governments in Tonkin (North Vietnam), Annam (Central Vietnam) and Cochin-China (South Vietnam).

The conference recommended also the regular study of Chinese characters, says Associated Press.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By G. HEATHCOTE

*Black, 4 pieces.*



*White, 5 pieces.*

*White to play and mate in three.*

*Solution to yesterday's problem:*

1, Q—BJ, any; 2, Q, B, or Kt mates.

## UN RADIO GETS USSR FAN MAIL

The United Nations is getting fan mail for its broadcasts to Russia.

A listener in Kharkov wrote to the UN that he and many of his friends are tunning in regularly on the short-wave programmes coming from Lake Success. He said he and his friends like them.

The broadcasts in Russian to the Soviet Union are part of the growing radio activities of the UN which officials hope eventually will carry the story of the work to every part of the world. A 15-minute UN broadcast is put out over 120 stations each day.

Besides the five official languages —English, Russian, French, Chinese and Spanish—the UN story is being told in a variety of other tongues. These include Tagalog for the Philippines, Arabic and Hebrew for the Middle East, especially Palestine, Dutch, Turkish and Scandinavian languages.

On December 20, 1947 the Russian listener wrote his letter to "Mr Director" of the UN radio. The UN did not release his name.

### Objective Material

"I listen very often to your informational programme, broadcast in Russian, on the work of the permanent organs of the United Nations organisation," the listener wrote.

"Many of my friends also listen to your broadcasts. By the way, almost everyone in the U.S.S.R. has a chance to do this as since after the war our factories are putting out very good and comparatively cheap radios.

"Here I want to express my opinion as well as the opinion of many other listeners, about your radio transmissions.

"We are very glad that you are presenting the radio listeners with objective material correctly reflecting the position of the Soviet Union and that of other countries, in the solution of problems confronting the United Nations."—Associated Press.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. What port in Ecuador is called "The Pearl of the Pacific?"
2. In what regions are peanuts grown?
3. Name the falls that are located a few miles above Washington, D. C.
4. Name Victor Hugo's most famous novel.
5. Do sparrows hop or run?
6. Name the principal difference between an African elephant and an Indian elephant.

*(Answers on Page 4)*

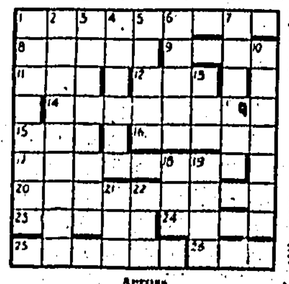
## *Rupert's Silver Trumpet—39*



The new idea thrills Rupert. "Our village never has had a band of its own," he says. "Now we'll give it one and Dinkie shall be our mascot. Willie shall lead us with the big drum. Come on, form up and we'll start." So they get into line and, leaving the box and the parachute to be picked up later, they march sturdily into Nutwood, all playing as loudly as they can and trying to keep step with Willie's drumbeats, while the village people stand and stare.

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## CROSSWORD



Across

1. Reach highest point of development. (5)
8. To peel this would make her weep. (5) 9. Leave undone. (4)
11. Quadruped. (3) 12. Pocket. (5)
14. Seek a man (anag.). (5)
15. Lip. (3) 16. Kingdom. (5)
17. Tractable. (5)
20. A bottle is a good enough example. (5) 23. Mentor. (5)
24. Do golfers find these in the river? (4)
25. The fishing eagle. (5)
26. Crude. (3)

Down

1. Draw up. (8)
2. With one accord. (5)
3. Maugle it (anag.). (8)
4. He practised polygamy. (5)
5. Deduce. (5)
6. Why snort? There's nothing in the nose. (5)
7. Sound as a bell. (5)
10. Thrills. (7) 13. Ovine cry. (3)
18. This tern is another bird. (3)
19. Briefly it runs north to south and vice versa. (4)
21. Hill. (3)
22. A saint before this would certainly look. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Stationer; 6, Assorted; 11, Tee; 12, One; 13, Inlaid; 15, Man; 17, Stain; 20, Tide; 21, Fir; 22, Duet; 23, Inset; 24, Rot; 25, Attic; 26, Ladylike. Down: 1, Satiated; 2, Ass; 3, Tote; 4, Iron; 5, Run; 7, Sentinel; 8, Toffee; 9, Enmity; 10, Deadlock; 14, Tarsia; 16, Mantle; 18, Idea; 19, Nutty.




## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

### Two Good 'Breaks' Make 3 No Trump

Kravatz
♠ A Q 9 7
♥ A Q 8
♦ J 6 4 3
♣ Q 2

♠ 6 5 4 2
♥ K 7
♦ 10 8
♣ A 8 7 5 3

N W E S Dealer

♠ J 6
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ J 10 9 4

♠ K 10 3
♥ J 9 6 5
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ K 6

Tournament—Neither vul.

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pass | Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 2 ♠ | Pass | 2 N.T. | Pass |
| 3 N.T. | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening—♣ J 6

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

WHEN I asked Jack Kravatz of Chicago, one of the winners of the men's national team-of-four championship, for an interesting hand, he gave me the one shown today. Kravatz is a smart card player, but he admitted he was lucky to "get away with this one."

He covered the opening club lead with dummy's king, West won and returned a club, which Kravatz (North) won with the queen. Now he cashed the ace of spades and led a small spade to the dummy. East played the jack—break No. 1—and Kravatz won with the king.

The ten of spades was then cashed and a small heart played. He finessed the queen and when it held, he cashed the ace of hearts and got break No. 2—West's king fell.

Now Kravatz cashed the nine of spades, then led the eight of hearts. When East played the four-spot, declarer finessed dummy's nine of hearts, and the jack of hearts gave him his ninth trick.

In the bidding you will notice that Kravatz' partner bid two spades even though he held only three spades. The hand was entirely too strong to sign off at one no trump, and too weak to bid no trump. It was not the type of hand on which you would want to bid two diamonds.

The better players often support with only three of partner's suit. After all, while your partner is allowed to bid a four-card suit he does not always have only four. If he does, he can show it by bidding two no trump as Kravatz did on this hand.


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## INDONESIAN CURFEW

Batavia, Mar. 30.—A curfew has been imposed on Surakarta, second city of the Indonesian Republic in Central Java, after an armed disturbance caused by "irregulars" alleged to be followers of former Republican Major-General Sutomo, according to reports from Jogjakarta tonight.

During "mopping up" operations ordered by the Republican Government on March 26 and 27, one Republican soldier and three "irregulars" were reported killed.

General Sutomo, known as the "Radio General," resigned from the regular Republican Army last January.

He became known for his violent anti-British broadcasts and his denunciation of the truce signed between the British, Dutch and Indonesians in November 1946.—Reuter.

# American Nations In Conference

Bogota, Mar. 30.—Unanimous support of the Pan-American Conference, which opened here today, for a proposal that the American nations investigate the "problem of foreign-inspired subversive activities directed against the institutions, peace and security of the American Republics" was obtained by Gen. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State.

The ninth International conference of American states opened today with Colombia calling on the other 20 nations to dedicate themselves to "maintaining peace, and keeping the forces opposed to the principles of democracy, and the inspiration of Christianity, from prevailing in the world."

The key address was given by the Colombian President, Senor Mariano Ospina Perez, at the formal opening ceremony.

The nearest he got to mentioning the colonial territories question involving claims on European-held colonies was his support for the "building of an inter-American peace system in such a way that the pacific settlement of any dispute among the American nations will be judicially and practically inevitable."

### Reference To Colonies

Senor Perez added: "Not only can we forget, in working out that system, the very eloquent fact that 17 of the 21 countries of America have accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice."

This was taken as a reference to the fact that Argentina, Chile and Guatemala have refused to have their claims on British territories submitted to the International Court for arbitration.

This first full-dress inter-American Conference in 10 years is expected to last at least six weeks.

Official statements at the opening of the conference reveals the line-up of the 21 nations on the colonial question.

Against the European possession of colonies are Argentina, Guatemala, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Chile, Paraguay and Peru.

In favour of European possessions are the United States, Brazil Colombia, Uruguay, Cuba and Nicaragua.

El Salvador, Costa Rica, Haiti, Honduras and the Dominican Republic are uncertain. Some of the statements were not unequivocal and are probably subject to change.—Reuter.

## Chiang's Latest Critic

(Continued from Page 1)

they are sitting pretty," Stilwell wrote.

"Roosevelt would not let me speak my piece. I interrupted twice but Churchill kept pulling away from the subject and it was impossible."

Stilwell added the comment: "What is the use when the world's greatest strategist is against you?"

Just before his dismissal, Stilwell wrote to his wife that "Roosevelt has apparently let me down completely."

Stilwell said Generalissimo Chiang had "spoken contemptuously of American efforts and has never said one word to express gratitude for our help except in one message to the President in which he attacked me."

He was "responsible for major disasters of the war," Stilwell added.

Stilwell also indicated disagreements between Chiang and Madame Chiang who, he said, was "direct, forceful and energetic. Loves power, eats up publicity and flattery" and "is a great help on occasions."—Reuter.

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

**Answers**

1. Guayaquil. 2. In tropical and semi-tropical climates. The chief sources are southern United States, India, South America and Africa. 3. The Great Falls of the Potomac. 4. "Les Miserables." 5. They hop. 6. African elephants have big ears while Indian elephants have small ears.

# Complete Collapse Of United Nations Atomic Commission

**Lake Success, Mar. 30.—The United Nations Atomic Energy Control Committee, appointed to draw up an international agreement for an Atomic Energy Control Board, collapsed entirely today. One member of the Committee after another declared that further discussion would be pointless in view of the Soviet Union's adamant stand on basic issues.**

A move to dissolve the Control Committee was made by the United States, supported by Britain, Belgium, France and Canada.

General Andrew McNaughton, of Canada, declared: "No practical purpose would be served in pursuing the matter further, until the minority shows some sign of accepting the majority view."

Professor Skobeltsyn, of Russia, supported by the Ukrainian member, fought hard to keep the talks going, though he repeated the Soviet argument that any international atomic board must not interfere with state sovereignty.

He said the blame did not rest with the minority but with the majority because the majority insisted upon supporting the United States view of atomic control.

"The Soviet proposals are positive and form a realistic basis for atomic energy control," he said.

Ironically, the chairman, who banged the gavel for an "indefinite adjournment," was Professor Skobeltsyn.

Another atom group known as the Working Committee (Technical) is expected to die on Monday after which the Atomic Energy Commission will report its failure to the General Assembly.—Reuter.

### Stimson's Disclosures

New York, Mar. 30.—Mr Henry L. Stimson, former American Secretary of War, suggested to President Truman at the Potsdam conference in the summer of 1945 that the secret of the atomic bomb might be used as a lever to democratise "Russia's secret police state."

The proposal, which Mr Stimson discarded a few months later as unfeasible, was disclosed in the final instalment of the former War Secretary's memoirs published in the Ladies' Home Journal today.

It was made before Mr Stimson had come to the conclusion that no world organisation containing a "police state" could give "effective control of this new agency with its devastating possibilities."

Later, Mr Stimson sent President Truman a memorandum containing an alternative proposal for a direct approach to Russia by America—backed by Britain, but outside any grouping of nations—to seek an agreement on atom bomb control.

In his memoirs, entitled "Time of Peril," Mr Stimson said: "Stalin expressed a vigorous and disturbing interest in securing Soviet bases in the Mediterranean and in other areas wholly outside the sphere of normal Russian interest."

### Direct Approach

Mr Stimson felt it was not possible to use the possession of the atomic bomb "as a direct lever to produce the change." He proposed a direct approach to Russia by the United States, backed by Britain, but outside any grouping of nations, to seek an agreement on atom bomb control. His suggestion was not adopted.

In 1947, Mr Stimson said that while the chances of successfully making a direct approach to Russia on the bomb were less than he had thought, in 1945 he still believed "any chance at all would have justified the attempt."

When Mr Stimson reached his 80th birthday in September, 1947, however, he wrote: "Americans who think they can make common cause with present day Communism are living in a world that does not exist."

Mr Stimson did not expect the Russians to make war, nor did he believe that "we are now engaged in the preliminaries of an inevitable conflict."

He urged Americans desirous of peace with Russia to take a full part in the reconstruction of Western Europe and act quickly to build "world peace, not an American peace" while working to maintain freedom and prosperity in the United States.—Reuter.

## WALLACE ON SYNTHETIC WAR THREAT

Washington, Mar. 30.—President Truman's proposals for conscription were today denounced by Mr Henry Wallace, third party candidate for the Presidency, as part of a programme of unlimited aggression by the United States.

Giving evidence before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Mr Wallace accused the Truman administration of deliberate manufacture of an artificial crisis to "stampede Congress and the people into accepting universal military training and conscription."

Mr Wallace said Russia was not strong enough to be a military menace.

"After two and a half years of reconstruction, the Soviet Union's production has just regained the prewar level.

"The American people hate war, yet step by step they are being taken down the road to war. The country is being aggressively weakened and unless the people reverse this dangerous trend, we face national disaster.

### Business Profits

"World fears and tensions will increase. Mobilisation and counter-mobilisation will lead to war.

"Our country is in danger, but the danger comes from our own policies which will bring war, an unnecessary war, upon our country.

"The crisis lies in the war fever itself; not in real threats of invasion, but in the synthetic threats of invasion, pumped out to support the arms programme.

"It will take the Soviet Union many years to attain an industrial outlook equal to one half of our current production. There is no military threat to our national security."

Declaring that business would make huge profits through war orders, Mr Wallace said: "The current crisis was concocted by the administration not only to further the plan for private corporate expansion, but also to forestall a domestic crisis, threatened by their policies to date."—Reuter.

## Runs Berserk At Dance

### RUSSIAN KILLS 3, WOUNDS 19

Vienna, Mar. 30.—Three people, including a 20-year old girl, were shot dead and 19 injured when a man in Russian uniform fired a sub-machine gun at dancing couples and the band at an Easter dance at Josefsberg, near Wiener Neustadt, about 40 kilometres south of Vienna.

The band leader was among those killed, according to an Austrian press agency report.

During the dance, a Russian soldier quarrelled violently with some Austrians, the British sector newspaper Weltpresse, said tonight. This account said the Russian returned later and, with two comrades, burst into the hall and fired 40 shots.

Austrian press agency reports said the shots were fired by a man wearing a Russian uniform who had earlier quarrelled with some dancers. He returned after having blackened his face and brought a companion with him who also wore uniform.

The uniformed men fled after the affray, the agency added.

A reward for the arrest of the criminals has been offered by the Russian Commandant, it said. It was understood that M. Oscar Helmer, the Austrian Minister of the Interior, would protest to Colonel General Vladimir Kurasov, the commander of the Russian forces in Austria, against the incident.—Reuter.




"Er—no accompaniment, please."

# France Has Torpedoed Relations With Vietnam

**Saigon, Mar. 30.—France has "torpedoed" her relations with Vietnam by forming a federation of minority areas in Indo-China, General Xuan, Prime Minister of Southern Vietnam, declared today.**

"The atmosphere has become stormy," he added. "Things need to be cleared up straight away."

General Xuan's Indo-Chinese Nationalist Government excluded the Nationalist Viet Minh Party, led by Dr Ho Chi-minh, which has been conducting guerilla warfare against the French for more than a year.

Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, has been negotiating for a settlement between the French and the Southern Vietnam Government, and recently held talks with M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, in Hongkong and Geneva.

"The French attitude," General Xuan added, "has led to a stiffening which was noticeable in the Hongkong interviews.

"A further interview may take place between Bao Dai and M. Bollaert, but in all likelihood it would be purely a matter of courtesy, without political significance."

### Study Committee

General Xuan added that a study committee for a Central Government would meet at Saigon on April 3 to study the clauses of a treaty of peace with France which could be signed at once.

"Cochin-China, for its part, wishes to form an autonomous state within a Vietnam federation on the model of the United States of America."

Mr Nguyen Phan Long, director of the newspaper, Echo du Vietname, who has just returned from Hongkong, declared in an article today that Bao Dai indicated to him that he was disappointed over the talks in Geneva and Paris.

"Under the influence of this disappointment, Bao Dai seemed to us to be perplexed and undecided.

"It would not, therefore, be surprising that the scheduled interviews with M. Bollaert should be postponed or annulled.

"The negotiations may be suspended for a long time."—Reuter.

## TO CONTROL MALAYA-NEI TRADING

London, Mar. 30.—Britain and Holland have agreed on strict measures to control trade and currency movements between Singapore and Malaya on the one hand and the Netherlands East Indies on the other, the Colonial Office announced tonight.

The intention is to prevent illegal trading and to restrict transfers to those serving direct and useful economic or commercial purposes.

The agreement was reached by a Netherlands delegation and Colonial Office representatives at a meeting in London on March 23, but the announcement was withheld until tonight.

It will remain in force for 1948, and after that either Government may end it by a month's notice.

The local government concerned will not discriminate against each other's normal trade, the agreement states.

All shipments will be financed through recognised banks where possible. Where there are no recognised banking facilities, a barter book system or other mutually agreed measures will be used.

Trade between the Netherlands East Indies and Singapore and Malaya will continue to be financed in Straits dollars.—Reuter.

## Appeal Petition Dismissed

A petition for leave to appeal before the Privy Council over a tenancy dispute was dismissed by the Full Court this morning comprising Mr Justice E.H. Williams (Acting Chief Justice), Mr Justice T.J. Gould (Acting Puisne Judge) and Mr Justice J. Reynolds (Acting Temporary Additional Judge).

The premises in dispute, Nos 657, 659 and 661 Nathan Road, Kowloon, are owned by Henry G. Leong Estates. The tenants (petitioners) are the Po Fong Studio, Luk Shun-wo and Kam Yan-mee represented by Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, and Mr C. E. Loseby (instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva).

Intending to develop the site and erect thereon a substantial structure at a cost of $180,000 for use as the Kowloon branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and business premises, the landlords successfully brought an application for exemption from the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance on September 2, 1947. Notice to quit was accordingly served on the tenants expiring on January 31, 1947.

The tenants, however, refused to comply and an action for possession was heard before Mr Justice Gould on March 1 last. Judgment was given for the landlords with a stay of execution for 14 days to enable notice of appeal to be given. On March 11, the Court of Appeal held there were no special circumstances why a further stay should be granted.

The Henry G. Leong Estates (respondents) were represented by Mr Eldon Potter, KC, instructed by Mr F. I. Zimmern.

### Funds Approved

Washington, Mar. 30.—New funds for atomic weapons and research, for military road work in Alaska, and for the propaganda conflict with Russia were approved today by the House Appropriations Committee. It also approved grants for field work in U.S. occupied countries.

It cut US$7,000,000 from the US$150,000,000 the Army asked for government and relief in Japan, Korea and Germany. The lesser sum, the Committee said, should be enough for the rest of this year. Among Navy items approved was authorisation for US$1,000,000 to acquire land for expansion of the naval base in Guam. The money is to be taken from funds already available.

The U.S. Information and Educational Exchange programme, which sponsors the "Voice of America" broadcasts, was given US$3,000,000 of the US$5,120,000 it asked for the remaining three months of this fiscal year.

The Committee said it is not satisfied with the way the programme is handled and said "a sound and effective programme" of combatting Soviet propaganda abroad should be worked out.

Not one penny was cut from the US$150,000,000 asked by the Atomic Energy Commission, all of it in contract authority for which Congress will provide the actual cash later.

The new authority boosts to US$650,001,000 the amount the Commission will have at its disposal this year.

The Committee admonished the Commission to "move forward with all possible speed in its research programme, both in the wartime and peacetime uses of the newly-discovered secrets." — Associated Press.

## HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, Mar. 30.—The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division:—Aston Villa 2, Charlton Athletic 1.

Second Division:—Coventry City 0, Plymouth Argyle 0; West Bromwich A 1, Birmingham City 1.

Third Division, Northern:—Bradford City 2, Halifax Town 1.

Irish League:—Ards 4, Derry City 1; Belfast Celtic 3, Bangor 2; Cliftonville 0, Linfield 0; Distillery 2, Glenavon 0; Portadown 1, Ballymena United 1; Coleraine 2, Glentoran 2.—Reuter.

## RUGBY RESULTS

London, March 30.—Rugby Union results today:

Bath 3, Leicester 16; Cardiff 32 Devon Port Services 10, Blakelly 3, Welsh Universities 6, Maesteg 8, Nunerton 3, Newport 5, Barbarians 3, Fontypool 19, London Welsh 0, Sheffield 3, Bradford 27, Stroud 6, Notts 6.

Rugby League results:

Batley 26, Featsstone Rovers 4, Halifax 17, Balford 8, Huddersfield 2, Bradford Northern 7, Leeds 25, Bramley 10, Wakefield Trinity 33, Widnes 0.—Associated Press.

## ZBW RADIO

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6, Programme Summary; 6.01, Children's Half Hour (Studio); 6.30, Bob Walker introduces Paula Green, Philip Siesser, Frank Horrox, Percy Edwards and Arthur Adair (ORBS); 7, World and Home News (London Relay); 7.15, "Navy Mixture Melodies" (BBCTS); 7.30, "I Bring You Music" Classical Request Programme presented by Marian Glover (Studio); 8.30, Light Piano Parade; 8.45, New Concert Orchestra; 9, World and Home News (London Relay); 9.15, "Rebuilding Britain's Forests" (London Relay); 9.45, A Programme of Strings; 10, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, Selections from Opera; 10.35, Dance to Tommy Dorsey and Hill Orchestra; 10.50, Epilogue conducted by the Rev. Father J. Foley S. J. (Studio); 11, Close Down.

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## DAB & FLOUNDER . . . by WALTER




# Four-Power Control In Germany Quivering

**London, Mar. 30—The uncertainty over the future of the four-power administration of Berlin is expected by well-informed quarters here to be prolonged until the next meeting of the Control Council due on April 10.**

General Lucius Clay, United States Military Governor in Germany, with whom the initiative lies for summoning that meeting, is definitely expected here to decide to convene it in the hope of bringing the situation to a head.

But the Soviet authorities may still intend to keep the Western powers guessing by refusing to attend the meeting and yet continuing to refrain from stating they will never again take part in the four-power administration of Germany.

The view is now growing here that the Soviet authorities only intend four-power co-operation to be resumed on condition that the reorganisation of the Western zones, worked out at the recent London conferences, ceases.

But the official Western policy for Germany now rules out any reversal of the plans for reorganising the Western occupation unless at the very least accompanied by a Soviet willingness to permit economic unity as laid down in the Potsdam agreement.

Consequently, the possibility of a full meeting of the Control Council on April 10 is not at present considered very great.—Reuter.

### Dividing Line

Washington, Mar. 30.—The dividing line between Eastern and Western ideology runs roughly along the River Elbe, General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor in Germany, told the House of Representatives in evidence before the House Appropriations Committee, made public today.

It has become more and more apparent that the ideological struggle for Central Europe is a continuing process and one that we may expect to last for a long time, he declared.

"We believe we have established a frontier for Western thinking and Western philosophy and we are holding that frontier."

He urged that the United States continue to support German industry, adding that it would take food as well as dollars to stop Communist in Germany.

The key to the economic recovery of Europe was the revival of Germany.

If Communism does penetrate into Western Germany and if it is successful in getting a stronghold across the Rhine, then it becomes almost impossible to stop its spread throughout Europe.

He added that any attempt arbitrarily to establish a form of government in Germany is going to be the surest way in which to destroy that form of government in Germany.—Reuter.

### Re-Industrialisation

Washington, Mar. 30.—The United States must support the re-industrialisation of Germany if Communism is to be stopped from overrunning Western Europe, General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor in Germany, told the House of Representatives.

His statement, given in recent evidence and made public today, contained a warning that Communist spread over Europe would be almost impossible to stop if ever it crosses the Rhine.

The General told the House Appropriations Committee that goods as well as dollars were necessary to the preservation of the free enterprise system in Germany and added that the Germans might never accept Western democracy, but neither would they accept Socialism.—Reuter.

## OUTWARD MAILS

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**
**Closing Times By Air**

Japan (Ordinary letters and cards only) 3.30 p.m.
Canton, Liuchow, Kunming, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peiping, Tainan, Swatow and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.
**Closing Times By Sea & Train**
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Rangoon and Calcutta (Sea) 3 p.m.
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, L. Marques, Beira and South Africa via Durban (Sea) 3 p.m.
Colombo and Marseilles (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.
Straits, Aden, Egypt and United Kingdom via London (Sea) 5 p.m. (par, reg and ord).
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1**
**Closing Times By Air**

Canton (Kowloon CPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Manila, 11.30 a.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peiping and Hoihow, 3.30 p.m.
**Closing Times By Sea & Train**
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.
Canton (Parcels, Papers and Cards only) (Sea) 9.30 a.m.
Saigon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Swatow (Sea) 11 a.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Papers and Cards only) (Train) 2 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 2.30 p.m. (par and reg); 3 p.m. (ord).
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.
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